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— BIOGRAPHY

Clifford W. Plunkett began his career with Friday, Eldredge & Clark working in the Little Rock office for several years before moving to the firm's Northwest Arkansas office in Fayetteville. Cliff handles a broad range of civil litigation, including class actions, professional liability defense in the medical, legal and insurance fields, commercial litigation, product liability, construction, motor vehicle (auto and tractor-trailer) and intentional torts. He has tried more than 20 complex jury trials often lasting several days in state and federal courts throughout Arkansas.

Cliff brings a legacy of diligence and passion to his work. He was valedictorian of his high school class and was awarded the W.J. Arnold Award from the University of Arkansas School of Law for graduating second in his class. He received the highest score on the Arkansas Bar Exam in 1995.

Cliff is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Bet-the-Company Litigation, Personal Injury – Defendants and Commercial Litigation. In 2013, he was named "Lawyer of the Year" in Fayetteville for his work in Bet-the-Company Litigation and earned the same title in 2016 for his work in Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants. He has also been selected by attorney peers for inclusion in *Mid-South Super Lawyers*.

— EDUCATION

- University of Arkansas School of Law, J.D., With *High Honors*, 1995
 - W.J. Arnold Award for Graduating Second in Class
 - Highest Score on Arkansas Bar Exam, 1995
 - Notes and Comments Editor, *Arkansas Law Review*
- University of Arkansas, B.S.B.A. in Accounting, *cum laude*, 1991

— NOTEWORTHY

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, since 2010
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Named "Lawyer of the Year," Bet-the-Company Litigation, Fayetteville, 2013, 2025
 - Named "Lawyer of the Year," Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Fayetteville, 2016, 2025

Practice Areas

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[Technology, Media & Telecommunications \(TMT\)](#)
[Retail, Franchise & Consumer Products](#)

- Named "Lawyer of the Year," Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2023
- Rated AV Distinguished by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected to the *Mid-South Super Lawyers* List, 2011 – 2015, 2018 – 2019

— ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Arkansas Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Council
- Washington County Bar Association
- W. B. Putman American Inns of Court

— ADMISSIONS

- Arkansas, 1995
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

— RECOGNITION



— REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- ACE/USA Insurance
- America First Insurance
- Earth Science Laboratories
- Lexington Insurance
- Safeco Insurance Companies
- Travelers
- Union Standard Insurance
- Western Litigation